IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 28, 42, 46, and 52. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

a) a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard;

b) a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard; and

c) a control unit, ~~which sets one of said first communication interface and said second communication interface in a passive state, which cannot be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the other of said first communication interface and said second communication interface is set in an active state, which can be used to communicate with another apparatus~~ adapted to set said first communication interface in a passive state, which may not be used to communicate with another apparatus, and to set said second communication interface in an active state, which may be used to communicate with another apparatus, if said first communication interface detects that another apparatus is disconnected from said first communication interface.

Claims 29-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard.

Claim 33 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 34 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 35 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claims 36-41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (currently amended): A method of controlling an imaging apparatus that includes a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard, and a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard

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different from the first communication standard, said method comprising [[a]] the step of:

setting ~~one of the first communication interface and the second communication~~ ~~interface in a passive state, which cannot be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the~~ ~~other of the first communication interface and the second communication interface is set in an~~ ~~active state, which can be used to communicate with another apparatus~~ the first communication interface in a passive state, which may not be used to communicate with another apparatus, and setting the second communication interface in an active state, which may be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the first communication interface detects that another apparatus is disconnected from the first communication apparatus.

Claim 46 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control unit sets said first communication interface in the active state ~~if another apparatus is~~ ~~connected said first communication interface, and sets said second communication interface in~~ ~~active state if another apparatus is disconnected from said~~ and sets said second communication interface in the passive state, if said first communication interface detects that another apparatus is connected to said first communication interface.

Claim 47 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

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Claim 48 (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE1394 standard.

Claim 49 (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 50 (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 51 (previously presented): A method according to claim 48, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method according to claim 42, further comprising the [[steps]] step of:

setting the first communication interface in the active state if another apparatus is connected to the first communication interface; and setting the second communication interface in the active state if another apparatus is disconnected from in the passive state, if the first communication interface detects that another apparatus is connected to the first communication interface.

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Claim 53 (previously presented): A method according to claim 52, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 54 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 55 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 56 (previously presented): A method according to claim 51, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.

Claim 57 (previously presented): A method according to 53, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.